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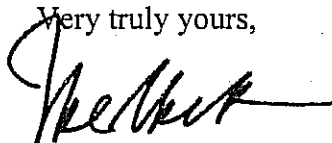
Dear Glenn:

Thank you for following up with me after the House Armed Services Committee hearing on September 29, 2010 on the Department of Defense's Efficiency Initiative. While I believe the hearing was useful and informative, I agree with you that the hearing revealed that fundamental questions regarding the Secretary's proposal to disestablish United States Joint Forces Command, the Business Transformation Agency, and the Office of Network and Information Integration remain unanswered. I will work with you and the other members of the House Armed Services Committee to ensure that Congress obtains answers to these questions before major actions are taken to implement such a proposal.

On October 7, I wrote Secretary Gates to outline the significant questions about the disestablishment of United States Joint Forces Command, the Business Transformation Agency, and the Office of Network and Information Integration that remain unanswered, and requested that the Department provide information to the committee promptly regarding these questions. A copy of this letter is attached. My letter informs the Secretary that the committee will be unable to support any requests from the Department for the funding and authority necessary to implement this proposal until this information is provided. I am committed to obtaining this information in the shortest time frame possible.

I thank you for your diligent efforts on this issue, and look forward to working with you on it in the coming months.

Very truly yours,



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